

# United States-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIAs





# Korean War Working Group



Collecting the Puzzle Pieces



# Year in Review

- China Cases
- Chinese MoD Archives
- East China Normal University
- Archive and Interview Database
- Electronic Document Release
- Albanian Archives
- Next-of-Kin Notifications





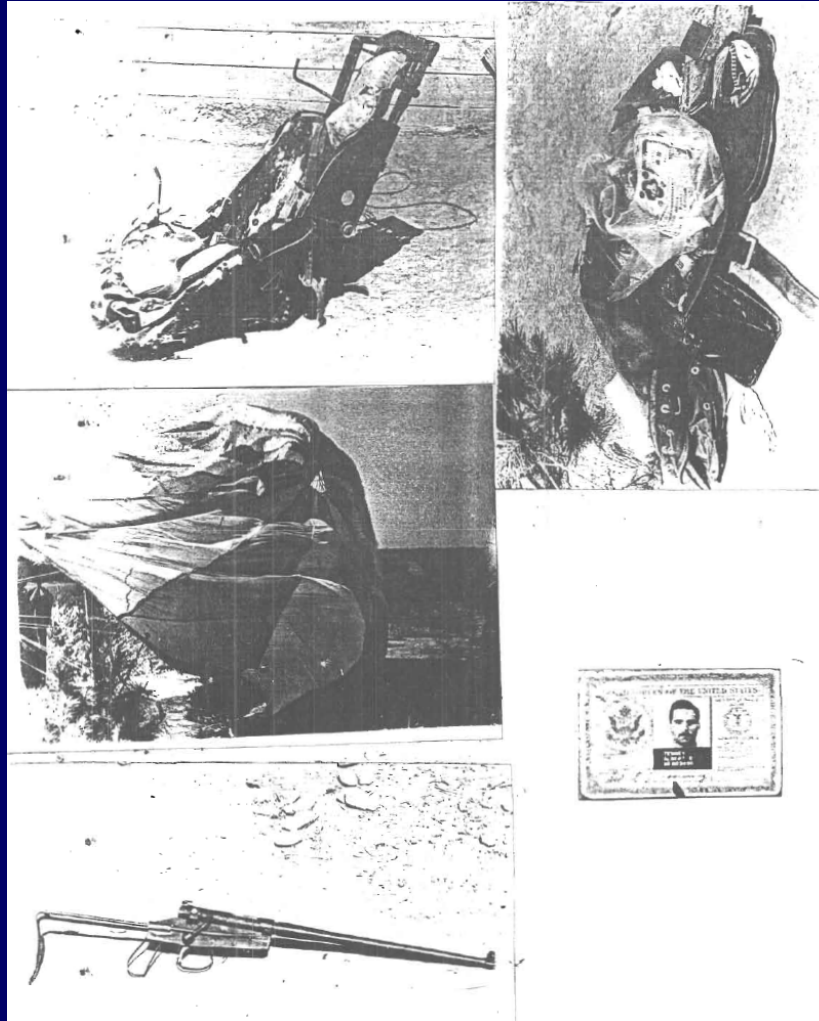
# Cases Passed to China

- Contributed material on four losses representing 6 MIAs
  - Soviet claim of an RB-29 shoot down
  - Soviet claims of three F-86 shoot downs





# F-86 Loss on Chinese Territory





# Chinese MoD Archive

- JCSD has interest in Chinese military archives
- Provided information to assist Chinese in research
  - Chinese Order of Battle
  - Names of Chinese servicemen and witnesses
  - Photographs
  - Chinese-language documents



# Chinese Center for Cold War International History Studies

- East China Normal University, Shanghai
- Over 20,000 Russian-language documents
- 39 volumes of Korean War documents in Russian
- Documents from other former Communist countries
- Appear willing to cooperate



# Archive and Interview Database

- Database captures full extent of research conducted globally by JCSD since 1992
  - 490 archives and other repositories
  - 1,930 documents (86,000 pages) cataloged
- Document content will be fully text searchable when complete





# Electronic Document Release

- Working through OSD Policy to transfer foreign records to NARA in electronic format
- Over 86,000 pages in multiple languages
- Information will be available to the general public without FOIA



# Albanian Archives

## September 2008

- Trip to Albania to explore archives
- Archives visited:
  - National Archives;
  - Ministry of Defense;
  - Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
  - Ministry of the Interior, and;
  - Foreign Intelligence Service.
- Documents of interest found
- Albanians very willing to cooperate

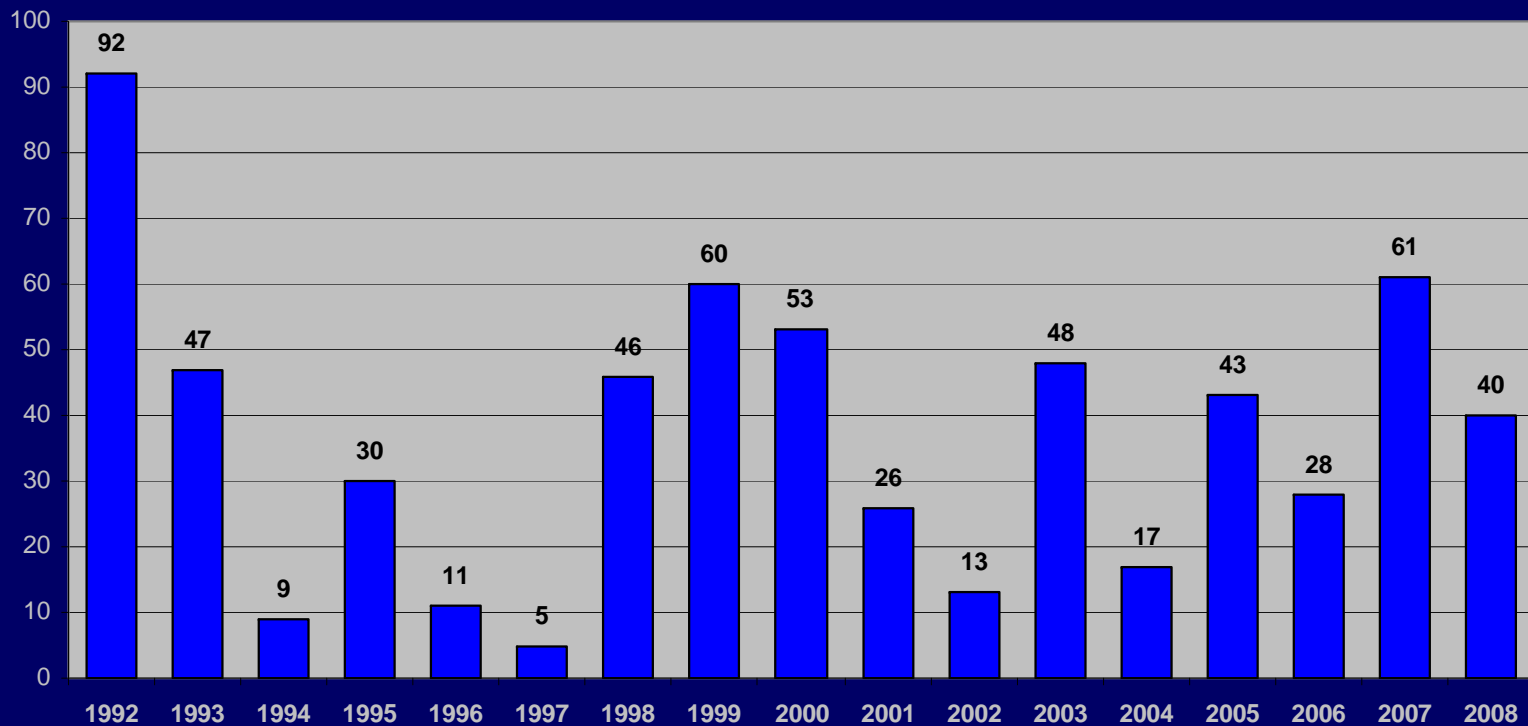


## Next-Of-Kin Notifications October 2007 – September 2008

- 54 personnel from 12 loss incidents
  - 1 AT-6 (1)
  - 3 B-29 (28)
  - 1 C-47 (6 – includes one South Korean)
  - 6 F-86 (6)
  - 1 F-94 (2)
- 54 notifications
  - 20 initial notifications
  - 34 supplemental notifications



# Korea Notification Totals by Year



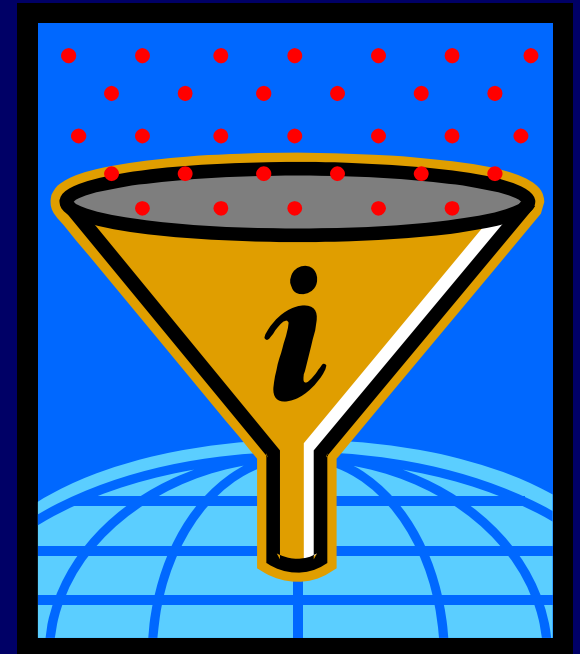
Totals: 625 notifications on 332 individuals





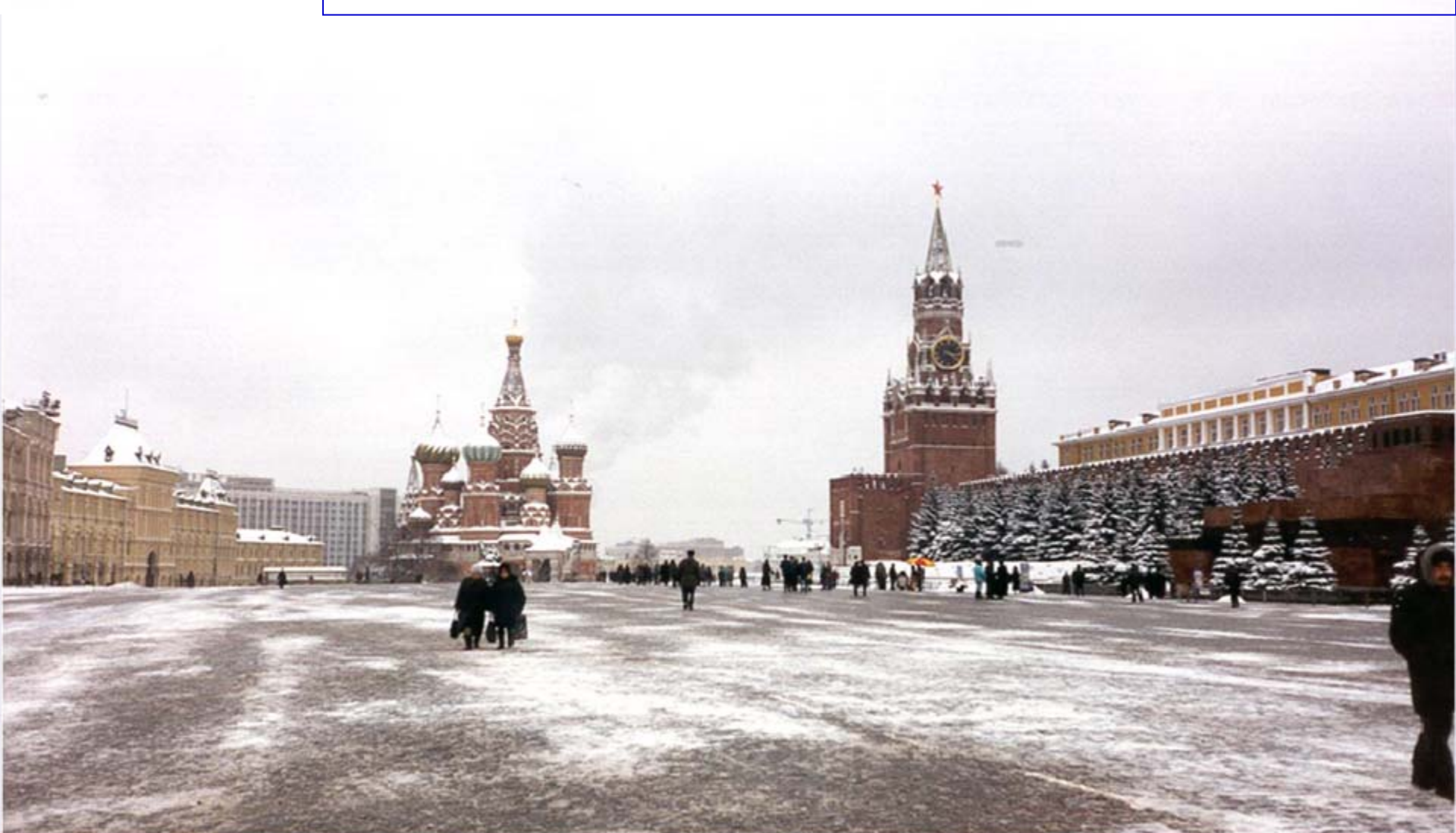
## Goals for 2008 - 2009

- Restore access to Podol'sk
- Expand archival access outside of Russia
- Continue document review
- Maintain flow of information





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|---------------------|-----------------|
| • 8 April 1950      | U.S. Navy PB4Y2 |
| • 6 November 1951   | U.S. Navy P2V   |
| • 13 June 1952      | U.S.A.F. RB-29  |
| • 7 October 1952    | U.S.A.F. RB-29  |
| • 29 July 1953      | U.S.A.F. RB-50  |
| • 17 April 1955     | U.S.A.F. RB-47  |
| • 10 September 1956 | U.S.A.F. RB-50  |
| • 2 September 1958  | U.S.A.F. C-130  |
| • 1 July 1960       | U.S.A.F. RB-47  |
| • 14 December 1965  | U.S.A.F. RB-57  |



# Cold War Working Group Cases







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- **Case 8 April 1950**
  - Investigated March 31-April 11
  - Col(S) Hall, LTC O'Hara, Dr. **Jim Connell**
  - Veterans' Service Organization representatives
  - Meetings with various Latvian officials
- **Visit to Liepaja & ceremony participation**
  - Local/national media coverage
- **Supported VSO activities in Ukraine**





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- Results of Latvia investigation
  - Director, State Archives of **Latvia**
  - Political prisoner database at the Occupation Museum
- Witnesses to 8 April 1950 incident are passing away
- VSO contacts in Ukraine
  - Assisted in collecting information on **U.S. missing**





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## The Way Ahead

- Restoration of the Commission will mean working to re-establish personal relationships
- Exploration of Russian Archival Information
  - Soviet Security Services
  - Soviet Navy
  - Border Guards
  - GULag System
- Interview Program







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**QUESTIONS?**

